

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

ROKOSCH 

GRANDSTAFF

THOMPSON

CHILCOTT 

DRISCOLL 

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....November 2, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner Jim Rokosch,  
Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Alan Thompson, and Commissioner  
Greg Chilcott.

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

Commissioner Driscoll attended an Anti-Bullying Seminar at the Bitterroot River Inn.

The Board met with Victor Volunteer Fire Department for discussion and decision on the use of the small shed located next to the Victor Fire Department. Present were Roylene Gaul, Dave Meadow, Bud Maul, and Tommy Dobberstein.

Roylene stated they have a 10-year plan for the community of Victor which they entitle 'Needs for the future'. The Victor Fire Department is not able to keep up with those needs as federal law requires. They are exploring reconstructing the present facility or building a new one. They have met with Skip relative to funding and are applying for federal grants and looking into other funding sources. In order to obtain funding on the current property they utilize in Victor, they would need to have their names on the property. Their metal building sits next to the Road Department's building.

Roylene indicated they would like to obtain the next round of the CDBG Grant monies. They are currently looking into the feasibility of reconstructing the metal building or constructing a new building. Since Victor is unincorporated the Commissioners would have to be the responsible for this grant.

Tommy stated they are trying to stay ahead of the curve in regard to the growth in Victor. A few years ago they established a Quick Response Unit (QRU) which doubled their roster to about 45 volunteers. They do not have enough room for their equipment and volunteers. The road grader is housed there but there is no gravel pile as Dave Ohnstad has stated. This is a good central location for emergency response. He noted the Fire

Department also has a sub station on Bear Creek; which has an office, shop and can house 4 units. The main facility cost over \$1,000 per month to heat since it is an old building. Tommy stated Civil Counsel James McCubbin had researched the statute that will allow the county to deed this property over to the Fire Department (MCA 7-8-101). They also have female volunteers and they have no accommodations for them.

Roylene stated the Victor Fire Department is a subdivision of the county, and the deed would not be in the individual names of the Trustees. She has been there for many years and there has never been any sand or gravel stored there as David Ohnstad has indicated. The only thing stored there is the road grader. The Road Department sold the water truck a few years ago. There is a dirt floor and one light bulb on the building side the Road Department utilizes.

Tommy stated even if they are successful in obtaining grants they will have to obtain a bond approval from the residents. Corvallis spent \$98,000 for the new building and their land was donated. If Victor has the land they could build for \$575,000. He stated there are no other places they could move to that are right off the highway. Tommy stated this is a good location for them and it not as important for the road department to have that space. They may also have the potential to buy the lot next door from Dan Bell. Commissioner Driscoll suggested they enter into a contract with Dan Bell in order to have first right of refusal. Roylene agreed and stated they will discuss that and move forward on that.

It was noted David was not present for this meeting but it had been set up for his attendance. David had presented an email stating this building was important to the Road Department in order to store equipment.

**Commissioner Rokosch stated they will need to visit with David about this and with Skip about the CDBG planning cycle. They would also like Civil Counsel to review the statute in regard to a trade.**

Discussion included the past 50 years of volunteer service at no charge and responses to all of the communities as well as the Forest Service.

Roylene stated the county could store the grader at Iroquois and Sweathouse which is a piece of property the county already owns. She stated the Fire Department needs to get ahead of the curve because the roof on this main building will probably not last another two years.

**In other business Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> minutes. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

The Board held an interview with John Carbin for the Planning Board opening.

Planning Director Karen Hughes met with the Commissioners for a Planning update.